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INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR UN RQ AS

SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT ON DECOLONIZATION  
ITEM

1. IN HIS GENERAL DEBATE SPEECH ON DECOLONIZATION ITEM  
(REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE) AUSTRALIAN REP DUNCAN  
CAMPBELL INTER ALIA DESCRIBED MANDATE OF COMITE OF 24  
AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: BUT THE 24 MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMITE HAVE A  
GLOBAL AND NOT EVEN A REGIONAL OR SUBREGIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR DECOLONIZATION. ACTIONS PROPOSED TO THE COMITE IN PART-  
ICULAR CASES OUGHT TO BE MEASURED BY IT IN TERMS OF THE  
IMPACT ON THE COMITE'S WORK OVERALL, WITHOUT PERMITTING  
PRIORITIES TO BE DISTORTED OR ANY VENDETTA TO BE PURSUED.

AUSTRALIA TAKES THE VIEW THAT ITS OWN TERRITORIES MAY  
BE DISCUSSED AND MAY BE VISITED. WE SEE NO REASON WHY THE  
TERRITORIES OF OTHERS SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED AND SUBJECT  
TO VISIT. BUT WE DO SEE OBJECTION TO DISCUSSION WHICH  
IS NOT OBJECTIVE OR WHICH SEEKS AN OUTCOME WHICH COULD  
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ONLY BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE COOPERATION OF THE ADMINISTERING

POWER CONCERNED IN THE PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION. IT MAY SOMETIMES HAPPEN, INDEED WE HAVE HAD AT LEAST ONE CASE, THAT BY PURSUING A PARTICULAR PROCEDURE IN THE CASE OF ONE TERRITORY, THE SPECIAL COMITE MAY HAVE DENIED ITSELF THE ACTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION OF AN ADMINISTERING POWER IN RELATION TO ONE OR MORE OTHER TERRITORIES, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF DISPATCHING A VISITING MISSION. UNQUOTE.

2. USUN SUGGESTS THAT AT APPROPRIATE TIME EMBASSY CANBERRA MIGHT WISH EXPRESS SATISFACTION OVER AUSTRALIAN INTERPRETATION OF HOW COMITE OF 24 SHOULD CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES, AND PARTICULARLY OVER HIS INDIRECT, BUT HELPFUL ALLUSION TO PUERTO RICO. BENNETT

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